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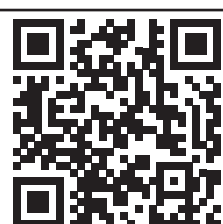
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SAGUACHE COUNTY — The Baca Grande Ambulance Department will hold a Mental Health Fair at the Moffat Consolidated School on April 18 from 6 to 8 p.m. Are you, or do you know someone who is struggling? Need guidance on maintaining mental health? There is help. Learn about resources, financial aid, counseling programs, treatment for substance use disorders, and more.

Del Norte Food Bank distribution is April 20

DEL NORTE — The Del Norte Food Bank will be open for its April distribution on Saturday, April 20, from 10 a.m. until noon. Anyone in need of food assistance is welcome. If you are unable to attend during distribution hours and need food assistance, call 719-850-2643.

Bird migration walk April 20

ALAMOSA — Join the Friends of the SLV National Wildlife Refuges for a free bird walk on Saturday, April 20. Meet at 8 a.m., in the parking lot at the Alamosa Visitor Center at 9383 El Rancho Lane. Dress for the weather with shoes suitable for hiking. Bring binoculars if you have them, water and snacks, sun protection and insect repellent. The walk will end around noon. Call 307-315-8003, for more information.

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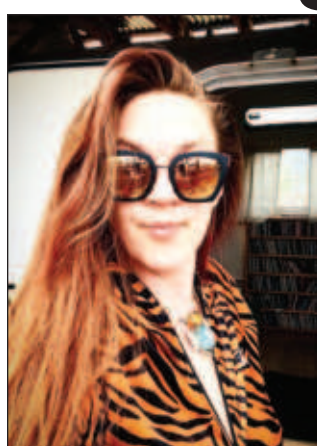
Six months in, seven grants awarded

Howlin' Dog Music Group is making it happen

By **PRISCILLA WAGGONER**
Courier Reporter
ALAMOSA — Just six months after introducing themselves and their purpose to the public, Howlin' Dog Music

Group (HDMG) — the Alamosa based, one-of-a-kind non-profit devoted to "keeping music alive," and helping highly gifted artists get their music out into the world — has just completed their first grant cycle. Seven artists coming from Colorado, New Mexico and Texas were recently awarded grants ranging from \$2,500 to \$3,000.

"The artists will be us-
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Nicole Haworth



Megan Clarisse Cave



Lisa Kori Chung

Crestone Charter School to go with a four-day week



Courier photo by John Waters

The Crestone Charter School will have a four-day week starting in the fall.

By **JOHN WATERS**
Courier News Editor
CRESTONE — Nestled at the foot of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains in Saguache County is the Crestone Charter School which serves 91 K-12 students. The school will transition to a four-day week starting in August for the 2024-2025 academic year.

The school was founded in 1996 and in 2012 moved into its current facility and is part of the Moffat Consolidated School District No. 2.

Charter schools are tuition-free, public schools that have the flexibility to be innovative, entrepreneurial, self-governing, and yet are held accountable for student and operational performance.

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ASU Theatre closes season with comedy

By **ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY**

ALAMOSA — It's fair to say most adults have experienced heartbreak at least once in their lifetime. However, given enough time and perspective, looking back at the actions taken when in the throes of love can bring about a wry smile or self-deprecating chuckle.

The final production of the Adams State University Theatre spring season, "Stupid F*cking Bird," lifts

the curtain on the most absurd and extreme measures taken when swept up in the passion of love. Written by Aaron Posner and directed by George McConnell, Ph.D., the production opens at 7:30 p.m. Friday, April 26 in the Adams State Theatre Building San Luis Valley Federal Bank Main Stage. Performances continue at 7:30 p.m. April 27, and May 3 and 4; with a 2 p.m. matinee scheduled for May 5.

The script is a favorite of

the students. "When I announced I would be directing Stupid F*cking Bird a cheer went up among theatre majors." Posner sort-of-adapted the show

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The Adams State Theatre production 'Stupid F*cking Bird' opens Friday April 26, on the San Luis Valley Federal Bank Stage, located in the Theatre Building.

Courtesy photo



Society Hall hosts powerhouse double bill of Bonneville and Walker

By **SOCIETY HALL**

ALAMOSA — Society Hall is thrilled to welcome Ray Bonneville and Seth Walker — two headliner-worthy artists sharing the stage on the same night at 7:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 21.

Bonneville and Walker will each do their own set and will also play together on some songs. Doors at 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa, open at 6:30 p.m. with the show beginning at 7:30 pm. Tickets are \$20 and are available online at www.societyhall.org and in Alamosa at The Green Spot, 711 State Ave. The concert will also stream live on both the

Society Hall Facebook page and YouTube channel.

The Society Hall board is so excited to have these two amazing artists sharing a show at Society Hall.

Bonneville is described as "Bluesy Americana stripped down to its essentials and steeped in a humid southern vibe" which sort of covers it but does not describe the power of the deep groove he delivers through that bluesy grit. An amazing talent on guitar, harp, and vocals, he will transport you to many compelling places along his mu-
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Courtesy photos

Two headliner worthy artists — Ray Bonneville, left, and Seth Walker, right — will be sharing the Society Hall stage for a concert on April 21.



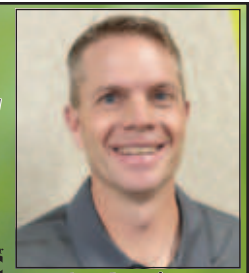
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Dominick Casillas



Dominick James Casillas gained his angel wings on April 11, 2024. Dominick was born Aug. 21, 1990, to Jose Guadalupe Casillas and Lisa Dionne Romero in Denver, Colo. Dominick moved to his beloved San Luis Valley when he was 9 years old. He grew up in Romeo and attended North Conejos Schools and graduated in 2009.

Dominick met his beautiful wife Ashley Nicole Garcia, and they spent 12 wonderful years together. They loved each other deeply and spent their time together enjoying their family while hiking, fishing, hunting and camping. Dominick loved the outdoors and loved sharing his passion with his wife, children and his nieces and nephews. Dominick was blessed with two beautiful daughters Micaela Eulalia Casillas and Eunice Olivia Casillas, followed by two sons Rayden Robert Casillas and Ezekiel James Casillas.

Dominick loved his family deeply and never missed an opportunity to be with his brothers Jose Luis Casillas and Gabriel Noel Casillas.

Dominick was an avid hunter and spent his life hunting with his best hunting buddy, his grandpa Bernie James Romero. He loved hunting with his dad and his brothers and was always eager to be in the mountains with his entire family.

Dominick was a kind and generous soul and always made a priority of taking care of his loved ones. He regularly visited his grandparents and

Dominick leaves behind his wife Ashley Garcia his two daughters Micaela and Eunice, two sons Rayden and Ezekiel Casillas of the family home in Antonito, his father Jose Casillas of Romeo, his mother and stepfather Lisa and Rod David of Antonito, his stepbrother Harley David, his brother Jose Luis and nephews Malachi, Luis, and Jose Bernard and his niece Baelyn, his brother Gabriel and his nephews Ellianez and Gabriel Jr., his maternal grandparents Bernie and Norma Romero, his paternal grandmother Eulalia Casillas, his uncles Jesus, Lino and Indio Casillas of Denver, his uncle Ronnie Lee Romero, his aunt Denise, his two cousins Veronica (Encarnicion) Chacon, their children DeShawn, Novaleen, EJ Chacon and Xavier Melgares. Angelena Romero (David Velarde) and their daughter Raeleeana, his brother-in-law Andrew Garcia Jr and his children Elijah and Issabella Garcia.

Recitation of the rosary mass will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Conejos, Colo., on Wednesday, April 17, at 7 p.m.

Funeral services will be held at Our Lady of Guadalupe Church in Conejos, Colo., on Thursday, April 18, at 10 a.m.

Cremation was chosen inurnment will be at a later date.

To leave online condolences please visit romerofuneralhomes.com. The care of arrangements has been entrusted to Romero Valley Funeral Home of Alamosa.

made sure they had plenty of split wood to keep them warm as well as anything else they could need. He would regularly stop in and check in on his uncle Ronnie Lee and would spend time with him whenever he had an opportunity. Dominick's love for family was truly evident in how he lived his life caring for others. He was always willing and available, as one of his closest cousins Teotenantzín and Robert Lockwood would say there was never a time that Dominick didn't answer a call or offer a helping hand. Most recently Dominick was learning the time-honored tradition of ranching from his wife Ashley and his brother-in-law Andrew Garcia. He was looking forward to helping carry on the legacy of the Garcia Ranch.

Dominick was taken from this life too soon and for those of us left behind he leaves a void that will never be filled.

Dominick was preceded in death by his father-in-law Andrew "Crittter" Garcia and his mother-in-law Leeann Barela Garcia, grandfather-in-law Robert Barela, as well as great grandparents Faustin and Bydela Romero and Medward and Celina Romero,

Leroy 'Archie' Gonzales



Monte Vista, Colo., resident Leroy "Archie" Gonzales, 66, passed away on March 18, 2024, at Memorial Hospital in Colorado Springs surrounded by his loving family.

Leroy was born on March 26, 1957, in Del Norte, Colo., to Fred and Lillian Gonzales. He honorably served his country in the United States Army soon after he graduated from Monte Vista High School in 1976. Leroy was stationed in Ft. Jackson, S.C. where he served in Panama from 1976 to 1979 as a Watercraft Engineer and Tank Turret Repairer with an earned medal in Sharpshooting.

In his earlier years, he worked for his father Fred Gonzales who

of Monte Vista, his sisters Connie Gonzales of Monte Vista, Joan (Ples) Stone of Ft. Morgan, Colo., Cecelia [Mark] Crown of Omaha, Neb., and Doreen Bermudez of Denver, Colo., as well as numerous nieces, nephews and extended family.

Leroy was preceded in death by his father Fred Gonzales, Nephew Xavier Sanchez, Cousin Vivian Gonzales, and Jeffrey's mother, Pamela (Headle) Robinson.

A Recitation of the rosary will be held at 6 p.m. Friday, April 26, 2024, at St. Joseph's Catholic Church in Monte Vista. A Memorial Mass will be held at 10 a.m. Saturday, April 27, 2024, also at St. Joseph's in Monte Vista.

Cremation was selected and Rogers Family Mortuary is in care of the arrangements. To leave online words of comfort, tributes and remembrances for Leroy's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.

ran his own painting and roofing business for many years along with construction work.

Leroy moved to Colorado Springs in 1985 where he met Pamela Headle and had their son Jeffrey.

Leroy enjoyed fishing from a young age, and you could often find him at Rock Creek catching brookies by the dozen, he also enjoyed hunting, shooting pool, and spending time with his family and friends.

He is survived by his son Jeffrey Gonzales of Monte Vista, Colo., his mother Lillian Gonzales



Photo by Lyndsie Ferrell

The Rio Grande County Museum is pleased to announce the opening of the Baker House Exhibit on May 3. This exhibit features artifacts that were hidden behind a false wall in a home in Del Norte for over 100 years.

Rio Grande County Museum to open new exhibit May 3

STAFF REPORT

DEL NORTE — The Rio Grande County Museum is pleased to announce that they will be opening a new exhibit on May 3 that will feature a one-hundred-year-old time capsule. The museum will welcome local resident Ed Baker who found a treasure trove of artifacts behind a false wall in his Del Norte home.

"This is a wonderful donation from resident Ed Baker. We are very excited to be able to share this exhibit with the public and encourage everyone to come and hear Ed speak about his discovery on May 3 beginning at 5 p.m. The museum has worked very hard alongside Ed and others to identify and catalog this collection over the winter, and we are so happy to share it with all of you," said Rio Grande County Museum Director Lyndsie Ferrell.

The collection is comprised of several different artifacts ranging from photographs, clothing, trunks and more that were housed in a hidden room inside the Baker house for over 100 years. Baker came across the room while remodeling his house and after some consideration, felt the safest place for the collection would be at the Rio Grande County Museum.

Last fall, during the Cabinets of Curiosity event, Baker spoke about his discovery, but the collection had not been cataloged. During January through February, Baker, alongside Rio Grande County Assistant Director Kathy Ellithorpe, worked countless hours to put the collection together and set up a display for all to enjoy.

The collection is from the Egan and Schaffer families that resided in

Del Norte in the late 1800s and offers a view of what life was like during that period. "The Egans and the Schaffers were some of our founding families that came to Del Norte. They were entrepreneurs, claim stakers and everything in between. It was interesting to get to know someone who lived over 100 years ago and to get a glimpse into what life was like for two families here in Del Norte," said Ferrell.

Baker will be present on the night of the exhibit opening to speak about his discovery and to share some of the things he has learned about the two families while working through the collection. The opening will be at 5 p.m. on May 3 at the Rio Grande County Museum. It is free and open to the public. For more information, please visit www.riograndecountymuseum.org or call 719-657-2847.

Weed workshop set for Thursday at Society Hall

CONTRIBUTED

ALAMOSA — On Thursday, April 18, a workshop will be held at Society Hall on weeds, weeds, weeds. The class will begin at 6:30 p.m. and they are hoping for a \$5 donation. That donation will be used in Mom's Garden — to implement a weed program. The Hall is at 400 Ross Ave., Alamosa.

Armando Ross, Supervisor of the Rio Grande County Weed District, and local business owner Ruthie Brown, Green Spot Garden Center, will be hosting the workshop. Topics to be covered include types

of plants — undesirable-desired and why they are important in lawns, flowerbeds, curbside, and parks, including native, ornamental, noxious and nuisance.

Types of control will include integrated pest management, chemicals, and the Colorado insectary. Weeds to be discussed will include, but not be limited to, puncture vine (goat heads), iron weed, bindweed, whitetop, dandelions, thistle, and clover. There are some plants that need more control and attention—we will tell you why. Is Glyphosate bad or is it just a matter of how it



Puncturevine

is used? 2-4D, Quinclorac, Imidacloprid and more.

If you have specific questions you would like to have addressed, give Ross a call at 719-852-4804 or Brown at 719-580-7838.

SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT

Chad Phillips

Former Alamosa resident, currently residing in Rio Rancho, N.M., Chad Phillips, 48, passed away on Dec. 31, 2023.

A Memorial Service will be held April 20, 2024, at 11 a.m. at the Calvary Lutheran Church, 305 Unser Blvd. NE, Rio Rancho, NM 87124.

To leave online condolences, tributes and words of comfort for Chad's family, please visit www.RogersFunerals.com.



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Lorraine and Amy performing April 19 in MV Music

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MONTE VISTA — Lorraine and Amy will be sharing their music ministry at 7 p.m. on April 19, at the Valley Church of the Nazarene in Monte Vista.

The local duo has been writing and sharing their original music since 2017. Their third album is currently in production.

"We are so blessed to be able to share the hope and love found in Jesus Christ in such a fun way," the duo stated.

They contribute their lasting friendship and ministry to having God in it. "When you put God first

and give Him the glory in all that you do, He blesses it," they stated. "This is a lifelong learning process, any unperfect servant of God would agree."

Lorraine and Amy will be joined by friends and local musicians Kathy Herrera and Heather Hefner on bass guitar and flute.

Elaine Meyer will be traveling from Colorado Springs to join the group for this special evening of worship and praise.

The concert is free and open to the public. The Valley Church of the Nazarene is at 228 Madisen St., Monte Vista.



Courtesy photo
Lorraine and Amy will be sharing their music ministry at 7 p.m. on April 19, at the Valley Church of the Nazarene in Monte Vista.

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 ing the grant funding to record music," says Teri McCartney, who manages operations for the non-profit and is one of its co-founders. "Some will be recording here [at Howlin' Dog Studios] and others in recording studios in other places. The awards aren't enough to completely fund a recording, but they give the artists a pretty good start."

The grant recipients are separated into three categories — Developing, Professional/Working and Legacy — but their profiles reveal a very diverse group of artists, ranging from those in the first stages of their careers to a seasoned, well-known artist who defines the word legendary. And each comes with a very unique story to tell.

Nicole Haworth, a Taos native, uses her lyrics to speak of her life. "I live nestled among the old growth trees, 8,000ft above the seas..."

Megan Clarisse Cave of Denver whose diagnosis of breast cancer at the age of 37 "propelled me even farther into music. I just really started to feel like it's now or never."

Lisa Kori Chung of Santa Fe whose discovery of the travails of her ancestors who immigrated to the U.S. inspired her album, "Daughter of the West", based on imagining if the music of Chinese and Japanese workers naturally became part of the mix of influences of American music.

Michael O'Connor of Texas who's been performing for almost 40 of the 60 years he's been alive, including as a lead guitarist with Ray Wylie Hubbard, Slaid Cleaves, Susan Gibson and dozens more. "I show up on time, in tune. I love making music," he writes.

Erin Ivey of Austin, who had the entire upper lobe of her left lung just a few months ago, is now learning to sing again with a new voice and a new perspective and has found that playing Native American wooden flute music makes sounds that heal body and soul.

Jana Pochop of Albuquerque is working with friends so that each new single of her music will be produced with its own artwork and video.

And finally, Shake Russell of Spring, Texas, well-known and much beloved by followers, tells his story in a straightforward way. "I came to Texas in 1972 with John Vandiver and The Ewing Street Times, played with him for a few years, then started my own bands. I have been playing and writing music in Texas for 52 years now." Russell, who's been the subject of numerous accolades including being inducted into the Texas Music Hall of Fame, recently had his newest song recorded by Miranda Lambert.

From its inception, HDMG has been both visionary and practical. No other group, non-profit or otherwise, is solely devoted to providing support to artists so that, eventually and with a lot of hard work, those artists may actually be able to work at doing what they love. Those who are on the board and guiding these efforts understand



Michael O'Connor



Erin Ivey



Jana Pochop



Shake Russell

— first hand — what's involved. They recognize it's a lofty goal.

At the same time, they realize that there is "power in the collective," and have created a model where, for just \$25 a month, "patrons," can know they're doing their part in making sure troubadours will continue into the future.

To date, HDMG already has 73 patrons, not counting those individuals making one time donations that range from smaller amounts to donations in the thousands. They're hoping to have 100 patrons by the fall, which would make a second grant cycle possible this year.

And in exchange for their support, patrons will receive MP3s of the recordings the grant recipients produce.

By awarding these grants to artists across such a broad spectrum of experience, HDMG is doing precisely what the group of professional artists, experts in the music business and supporters of up and coming artists intended to do: offer a helping hand to artists who are trying to negotiate, "an ever-changing landscape that requires new methods and capabilities," to be able to continue to work and share their music with the thousands of new and long-time listeners.

Seven grants after just being around for six months? Looks like a sign of real good things to come.

Anyone with questions or the interest in becoming a patron are encouraged to go to HDMG's website www.howlindogmusicgroup.org/ where contact information can be found by scrolling to the bottom of the page.

Theatre

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 based on the great Russian playwright Anton Chekhov's "The Seagull," written in 1896. Chekhov wrote the comedy in a new style at the time. "Stupid F*cking Bird" turns back time and uses the overtly theatrical approach that Chekhov purposely avoided.

"Stupid F*cking Bird" tells the same story as "The Seagull," including the lovesick hero's misguided attempt to win this unrequited beloved by shooting a seagull. "It is a very different way to tell the similar story," Dr. McConnell said. "Both plays

focus on heartbreak, when love is just at the wrong place at the wrong time." The play includes seven characters, four in their early 20s. "The play is character driven," McConnell adds. "They are caught up in their own emotions and with little to no awareness of others' feelings."

Although the actors address the audience, McConnell says it is not an entirely interactive play. "It's an opportunity, post Covid, to take advantage of everyone being in the same room."

As part of his senior thesis, theatre major Carson Leaf plays a local indie soft boy, a tortured young artist, madly in love. "Car-

son has really developed and risen to the challenge of approaching his craft in a different manner," McConnell said. "Anyone who has experienced heartache will identify with his character."

According to McConnell, "Stupid F*cking Bird" is metatheatrical. "It only exists when it is performed — it draws attention to itself as a play. And most of all, it's a play about love, the good and the bad, and the ridiculousness of love."

McConnell designed the set and students designed the other elements, using the color palette blue, silver, white, black and grey. Kaelin Mottley is the costume designer, as part of

her senior thesis. Anthony Sisneros designed the lighting.

Tickets are \$13 for general public and free to Associated Students and Faculty (AS&F) with current Adams State I.D. Tickets may be purchased online at theatre.adams.edu. For telephone or in-person ticket orders, the box office number is 719-587-8499. The box office is open from 3 until 5 p.m. Monday through Friday. Tickets for faculty, staff, and students must be ordered through the box office.

Due to adult language, partial nudity, intimate moments with sexually charged scenes, viewer discretion is advised.

School

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 The schools are independent public schools with rigorous curriculum programs. Each charter school is different, thus offering parents a variety of choices so they can select the school that best fits their child's unique learning style.

In a welcome statement to the community, Thomas Cleary, Director of the school states, "It takes a village to raise a child. At the Crestone Charter School, our devoted community and staff nurture students to develop at the level of the whole person. A proficiency-based learning model provides students with a strong academic base, yet true education encompasses more. From its inception, the Crestone Charter School has sought out staff with diverse teaching experiences, but who are also dedicated to thinking outside the box and paying attention. We have thus created unique educational programs, such as our travel and ski initiatives, without losing the commitment to academics that gave our school the John Irwin Award for Excellence."

The school has experiential learning programs that include swimming at the Hooper pool and a ski program at Monarch. This last winter the ski program included 49 students, 12 mentors, and six vans and busses. A



Courtesy photo

The Crestone Charter School offers experiential learning including a popular ski and snowboard program at Monarch Mountain.

A new aspect of the ski program this school year was students mentoring students, where beginners are paired with more experienced skiers. According to Cleary, "This meets so many aspects of our school's mission such as creatively structured experiential programming developing character, self-esteem, critical thinking, problem-solving, collaboration, responsibility for self and others, and so much more."

"With Alamosa shifting over [to a four-day week] my understanding is we were the last school to have more than a four-day week. When it comes to parents and families there was a mix of interest. From the staff's perspective, it was highly appealing. When it comes to staff retention, there is value in the shorter week. If two schools are offering the same dollar amount and one of them has a four-day week and the other does not, I know

which one I would choose," said Cleary." The Alamosa School District began a four-day week beginning in the 2023-2024 academic year.

Cleary said he first proposed the idea of a shorter week to parents about two years ago, and they were split evenly in favor and against it. Many parents were concerned about the loss of Friday activities, "particularly the Monarch ski and snowboard program that we run for the upper grades fourth through twelfth grade. We do swim programs for the younger students. Parents were also concerned about the length of the day. Our Friday had been a four-hour day. There were concerns about the overall length of the school day and the start time.

"The compromise I came up with was to add a half an hour to the end of Monday through Thursday and to retain ten Fridays of experi-

ential learning." Cleary said that the compromise has overwhelming staff and parent support. The governing council of the school approved the change to a four-day week.

According to a 2023 study conducted by Oregon State University, over 1,600 schools in 24 states are using the Four-Day School Week.

The school is currently working with the Boys and Girls Clubs of the San Luis Valley to provide programs at the school.

On May 17, the school will hold the Class of 2024 Graduation at 2:30 p.m.

The school is growing and has several positions open including in the greenhouse, experiential education and instructional support. For more information, see the website at www.crestone-charter-school.org Interviews are scheduled for April 19.

released nine albums, won Canada's Juno award and other prestigious honors, earned wide critical acclaim, and garnered an enthusiastic following in the U.S., Canada, and Europe.

Walker has been collecting rabid fans since he appeared on the Americana scene many years ago. Says Society Hall board member and area musician and producer Don Richmond, "I had the opportunity to see Seth and his trio a couple years ago at the Four Corners Folk Fest, and I have to say it was the coolest and most engaging set of music I've seen in a long time — ef-

fortless and fluid, cruising through and across stylistic boundaries like they never existed, seemingly focused on one thing — connecting with the people and lifting them up. Don't miss this guy!"

Over the last decade, Walker has become recognized as one of the most revered Americana artists in the United States; a three-dimensional talent who combines a gift for melody and lyric alongside a rich, Gospel-drenched, Southern-inflected voice with a true-blue knack for getting around on the guitar.

In 2022, Walker released, "I Hope I Know,"

his eleventh studio album. Produced by Jano Rix of The Wood Brothers, the collection is a beacon of light, written and recorded during the dark times of the pandemic. Each song burns bright with what fans have come to love about Walker: stylistically diverse influences, pure soul in his delivery, contemplative lyrics, and musical movement both geographic and spiritual.

Don't miss one of the most amazing evenings of music Society Hall has ever hosted — Bonneville and Walker sharing the stage at Society Hall, on Sunday, April 21.

Lifestyles

Ban on 'assault weapons' sale, manufacture wins initial approval in Colorado House

By SARA WILSON
Colorado Newswire

The Colorado House of Representatives gave preliminary approval Friday evening to a bill that would ban the sale, purchase and manufacture of many semi-automatic rifles beginning this summer. It was the first time the chamber has considered such a proposal.

The ban on so-called assault weapons, with specific models enumerated in the bill and also more broadly defined by certain characteristics, passed on a voice vote on its second reading.

It still needs a final recorded vote, which is set to happen on Sunday, to make it through the House and head over to the Senate. It can lose the support a handful of Democrats and still pass the chamber, as Democrats hold a wide 46-19 majority.

"Nine out of 10 mass shooting incidents with the most casualties involve the use of at least one of the assault weapons that we are debating in this body today. I am not waiting anymore. Assault weapons must be banned in the state of Colorado," bill sponsor Rep. Tim Hernández, a Denver Democrat, said during an impassioned speech on the floor at the start of debate.

"As a young person who understands what this issue means ... I cannot morally do nothing," he said.

Throughout the bill's journey in the Capitol so far, Hernández has spoken about his experience as the first Gen Z member of the state Legislature, growing up in an American culture of frequent mass shootings and then becoming a teacher of students facing pervasive gun violence.

On Friday, Democratic leadership limited debate on the bill to five hours to avoid a Republican filibuster and ensure the chamber could get through two other high-profile bills, which concerned housing.

A version of the bill last year was defeated in its first committee hearing and did not make it to the House floor. It was sponsored by Rep. Elisabeth Epps, a Denver Democrat who is running this year's bill with Hernández. The duo are among the most

progressive lawmakers in the Legislature.

The contours of Friday's debate were predictable — supporters, all of whom are Democrats, argued that "assault weapons" are weapons of war that proliferate violence and have no place in society. Republican opponents called the measure an egregious attack on Coloradans' Second Amendment rights and yet another unfair firearm restriction that hurts hunters, ranchers and law-abiding citizens who want to protect themselves. They contend that a ban of this type would prohibit the sale of most guns in Colorado because the definition of assault weapon is so broad.

Rep. Richard Holtorf, an Akron Republican, said Friday that he doubts many county sheriffs would even enforce an assault weapons ban if it became law.

The bill would not ban possession of these firearms.

Prospects in Senate less certain

In the bill, an assault weapon is defined as a semi-automatic rifle that can accept a detachable magazine and has at least one of seven characteristics: a pistol grip, a protruding grip that can be held by the non-trigger hand, a folding stock that can help conceal the weapon, a muzzle break, a functional grenade launcher, a shroud at the barrel to prevent burns or a threaded barrel.

The bill would also ban certain .50 caliber rifles, semi-automatic pistols with similar characteristics as the ones listed for rifles, shotguns with revolving cylinders and semi-automatic shotguns.

"You can list (fewer) things that aren't considered assault weapons in this bill than you can list assault weapons. This covers the vast majority of firearm styles," said Rep. Ryan Armagost, a Berthoud Republican. Multiple Republicans, including Armagost, wore firearm lapel pins or neckties with images of the types of guns described in the bill.

"Everything that I teach with, everything that I train people in firearm proficiency with — for self defense, for sport, for hunting — these are things that would be

considered assault weapons under this bill," he said.

The shotgun he uses for turkey hunting that has a pistol grip, for example, would be prohibited, he said.

Epps argued, however, that the sacrifice of not being able to buy those types of weapons in Colorado is worth the lives such a ban might save.

"There are some things that you may not be able to do when we decide that we care more about the lives of our neighbors than we do about this right to these absurdly accurate, fatal, destructive killing machines," she said. "You may like to do your turkey hunting with an absurdly efficient weapon, but it is an appropriate tradeoff that you have to kill your turkeys a little bit slower this season because we are going to interrupt the proliferation of making these weapons available for sale."

Republican Rep. Ron Weinberg of Loveland offered an amendment to the bill that would have set up a task force to study the causes of gun violence and mass shootings. While that amendment initially passed, it was later stripped when Democrats contended that the state's Office of Gun Violence Prevention, created through 2021 legislation, is already tasked with that type of research.

The bill has its largest hurdles in front of it. If it passes the House, it will head to the more moderate Senate, where it is sponsored by Sen. Julie Gonzales, a Denver Democrat. Gov. Jared Polis, a Democrat, has expressed skepticism about an assault weapons ban, and it is unclear if he would sign such a bill into law. Gun rights groups will almost certainly mount a legal challenge to the measure if it is enacted.

California, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Massachusetts, Maryland, New Jersey, New York and Washington all have assault weapons bans in place, many of which have stood up in court. Colorado's bill is not as extensive as some of those bans. The law in Illinois, for example, includes a registry and the ban in Delaware prohibits possession.

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Lifestyles



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A rendering of one of 22 villas planned for Kosmos Stargazing Resort near Great Sand Dunes National Park. Developer Gamal Jadue Zalaquett said excavators broke ground on the planned luxury resort on Monday, April 8.

A \$700-per-night stargazing resort is coming to Colorado

By TRACY ROSS
Colorado Sun

Gamal Jadue Zalaquett was burned out by the tech world at an age when most people are just kicking their tech careers into gear. So in 2020, the then-29-year-old from Miami went on a pilgrimage to the San Luis Valley, where he fell in love with the land and the history.

"It was the Native American history, you know, then I got into the history of Crestone," he said. "Then the Great Sand Dunes and how long it took to establish (the national park and preserve). And I was really mind blown by the pristine rural area."

But when he learned a record 600,000 people visited Great Sand Dunes in 2021, and that friends had turned a house they bought for \$90,000 into a short-term rental going for \$200 a night, and that the national park had only two surrounding "resorts" as opposed to "Zion, Yellowstone and Joshua Tree that have so many," he decided to start making investments.

On April 8, he broke ground on Kosmos Stargazing Resort just outside Alamosa, promising a "celestial retreat like no other" replete with pricey amenities for stargazers — provided he can lure investors to help raise the estimated \$15 million it will take to complete the resort.

Jadue Zalaquett envisions 22 glass-domed "stargazing" villas, each with a stargazing spa, constellation dome and observatory, commanding \$700 to \$1,200 per night. If guests were to tire of solo stargazing they could head to the cryotherapy spa, the greenhouse or planetarium for a "star party."

He isn't the only developer wanting to cash in on the new stargazing economy in the San Luis Valley. In 2022 through March 2023, 11 people applied for special use permits related to campgrounds, up from three in 2015, said Richard Hubler, Alamosa County's land use and building director.

But it's not totally clear how many more tourists are looking to camp, according to Kale Mortensen, executive director of Visit Alamosa. He only started tracking camper numbers in 2023 at the request of some campgrounds wanting data that "that truly reflects what that demand is," so they wouldn't become oversaturated.

Four campgrounds started reporting early last summer, "so I have figures for last year and a little bit for this year," he said. But he "doesn't have a great comparison." Occupancy was 59.7%.

Jadue Zalaquett has traveled the globe, visiting six of the world's seven continents. He has stayed at more than 100 hotels, many of them luxury. And his family comes from hospitality in Chile and Miami, where some now run The Zalaquett Group Real Estate Investment Consulting and Services, which has developed properties like the oceanside Eighty Seven Park in Miami with 70 villas and the Ritz Carlton Residences Miami Beach with a world-class marina, 24-hour lobbies and on-site

private car with chauffeur.

But it was Jadue Zalaquett who saw the potential for the 40 acres of sagebrush- and shrub-covered ground 15 minutes from Alamosa and Great Sand Dunes National Park for \$11,000. And he also bought 700 acres in Sagua County he's selling for \$50,000 per 40-acre plot.

A feasibility study of Kosmos resort compared it an Amangani luxury resort. Jadue Zalaquett realizes he "cannot charge \$4,000 a night like they do," but his rooms will out-price any in the county by hundreds of dollars. And based on the 2,000-plus people who've put down money to reserve a room in a resort not yet built, the market could be there — and be a boon for the San Luis Valley.

Jadue Zalaquett's feasibility study also lists 2021 visitation rates at Great Sand Dunes National Park. But numbers have dipped over the past three years to 493,428 in 2022 and 512,029 in 2023, and monthly from 6,013 and 6,764 in January 2022 and 2023 to 4,485 this January.

Mortensen says the lull in park visitation does not mean fewer tourists came to Alamosa County, or that they spent less money there. In fact, visitor spending rose in 2022 compared with a year earlier, and average daily rates for hotels reached an all-time high in 2022 and 2023.

But Annette Ostrander-Fenske does see it as a problem. She owns Rustic Rook Resort, with glamping tents, glamping cabins and two of five grain bin glampers (made from old metal grain silos) planned for this summer on her 120-acre property one 40-acre lot away from the Kosmos building site.

"So 2021 was a big year, but we've never had that since and we may never have it again," she said. "I mean, the numbers are still good, but Great Sand Dunes is a small national park." And after she hosted her first guest, in June 2020, she said, "all of a sudden it was like people thought, oh, look what they're doing. We can do that. It's almost like they thought it was the new get-rich quick scheme or something."

But, "it's a lot of work. Your blood, sweat and tears," she added. "I think people don't really understand that it's not all fun and games. It can be but you have to have a very specific skill set to make it work."

Hubler has several examples of people who couldn't make it work.

"We had a lot of interest from folks that didn't really know what they were up to," he said. "Like, they have this idea that everybody's camping now and I can make some money off of it. But you know, they weren't campers. They were business people. So we had some harebrained ideas."

Chief among them was people wanting to let paying customers dry camp on their property (a la Hipcamp, the online marketplace for such things). "It was along the lines of, I want to be able to rent one acre of the 40 acres I live on for people to park their RV,"

Hubler added, "but I don't have any water for them. I don't have any septic. I don't have anything."

So in 2020 and 2021 the county stopped taking special use permit applications until they could "figure our regulations out," Hubler said. Those rolled out in 2022, "and they're a lot more explicit. They said, basically, Alamosa County does not allow dry camping, so all you people that don't want to provide anything and just want to make money, that's not a viable legal approach." Then came the 11 new applications of which the county approved seven. As of today, two of those seven are operating, Hubler said.

Ostrander-Fenske wrote in an email the newly approved campgrounds will more than double the camping inventory from 2020. She takes issue with the rate at which the county approved them. She said the closeness of Kosmos and Rustic Rook is a concern, and that "it would be better for both of our businesses if the location was elsewhere. We might decide to host a wedding group that ends up being noisy till later in the evening — his stargazers won't appreciate that — or what if we put on an event with a band?"

She also believes the county acted too quickly when it approved "ALL the campgrounds and ALL the glampgrounds all at once before ANYONE was open or even building. That would be like Walmart, King Soopers and Safeway all approved to build new stores in Alamosa but none of them taking into consideration each other's plans and only using the data from the existing Walmart and City Market in their research and decision to build. It could be bad. It could be fine. It's a roll of the dice for everyone."

Hubler says Kosmos was the last permit approved before the moratorium.

With groundbreaking on the septic system completed, Kosmos is "a little bit ahead of schedule" for constructing the first five villas, Jadue Zalaquett said. He hopes to have "system 1 finalized by May," after which "we are looking to start the first villa foundation right away."

If Kosmos becomes a reality, it could give Rustic Rook a run for its money. "But there are a lot of different ways people want to experience our valley, and a lot of different tourism styles," Hubler said. When Ostrander-Fenske first presented her permit application, he added, "folks were like, wait, people are gonna come down here and stay in a canvas tent in the middle of the summer? And they're gonna pay as much as they do at a hotel? What are they, crazy? But she's been very successful."

Hubler said the same could happen for Jadue Zalaquett with his high-priced rooms.

"If you spend \$700 a night at your lodging and do everything there is to do at the resort, when you go into town, you're probably not going to eat at McDonald's," Hubler said. "So I think there's the potential for him to have a bigger, positive impact on the local businesses."



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Mean Moose open league play with split

Sports Bulletin

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SCOREBOARD FRIDAY

Prep baseball
Centennial 14, Questa (N.M.) 4, 6 inn.

Gunnison 15, Centauri 0, 4 inn.
Gunnison 15, Centauri 4, 5 inn.

Monte Vista 15, Custer County 0, 4 inn.

Monte Vista 20, Custer County 0, 3 inn.

Questa (N.M.) 17, Centennial 1, 3 inn.

Sanford 27, Antonito 4, 5 inn.

Sanford 18, Antonito 2, 5 inn.

Prep girls soccer

Alamosa 1, Montezuma-Cortez 1, tie

College baseball
Metropolitan State-Denver 28, Adams State 15

SATURDAY

Prep baseball
Alamosa 5, Bayfield 4

Bayfield 16, Alamosa 10

Del Norte 17, Center 2, 4 inn.

Del Norte 17, Center 3, 6 inn.

Sierra Grande 19, Branson/Kim JV 9, 5 inn.

Trinidad 19, Sargent 8, 5 inn.

Trinidad 19, Sargent 1, 5 inn.

College baseball

Adams State 17, Metropolitan State-Denver 10

Adams State 6, Metropolitan State-Denver 2

College women's softball

Colorado State Pueblo 9, Adams State 6

Colorado State Pueblo 6, Adams State 3

SUNDAY

College baseball

Metropolitan State-Denver 9, Adams State 7

College women's softball

Colorado State Pueblo 14 Adams State 0, 6 inn.

Colorado State Pueblo 12, Adams State 0, 5 inn.

MONDAY

Prep baseball

Sanford at Monte Vista - late

Centauri JV at Sierra Grande - late

Prep girls soccer

Del Norte at Dolores Huerta - late

SCHEDULE TUESDAY

Prep baseball

Buena Vista at Centauri (2), 3 p.m.

Del Norte at Pagosa Springs (2), 3:30 p.m.

Alamosa at Salida, 4:30 p.m.

Antonito at Centennial, 4:30 p.m.

Sargent at Sanford, 4:30 p.m.

Prep girls golf

Alamosa at Montezuma-Cortez Invitational (at Conquistador Golf Course), 9 a.m.

Monte Vista at Fowler Invitational, 9 a.m.

Prep girls soccer

Alamosa at Rye, 4 p.m.

WEDNESDAY

Prep baseball

Sierra Grande at Monte Vista JV, 4:30 p.m.

Prep track and field

Del Norte, Sanford at Bayfield Invitational, 1:30 p.m.

Moffat at Montrose Mid-week Invitational, TBA

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Alamosa High School baseball team began Intermountain League play on Saturday as it hosted a doubleheader with Bayfield at Ortega Middle School.

It was a somewhat successful start to league play as the Mean Moose and Wolverines split the twinbill. Alamosa came from behind to take the opener 5-4, but Bayfield responded with a 16-10 victory in the nightcap.

"It would have been nice to get the two wins," said Alamosa coach Tony Kechter. "It would have really propelled us into next week because we have a tough test against Cortez. I know they're the favorites and it would have been nice to come out with two. I can't complain with one. We battled back in that first one, and in the second one we just had a lapse and we just couldn't recover from it."

Game 1

The Wolverines took an early lead in the first game as it scored three runs in the top of the first inning. Micah Cornelia led off the game by reaching on an error and Dante Candelaria followed with a walk. Tavian Box's single brought Cornelia home for a 1-0 Bayfield lead.

Austin Wilmer then singled home Candelaria, and Sean Ryan's single plated Box to give the Wolverines a 3-0 advantage.

The Mean Moose scored once in their half of the first. Carlos Garcia and Nelson Arambula both singled, and Garcia scored on Gus West's groundout.

Alamosa scored another run in the second. Jonah Pittman led off with a single and he moved to second on Kiko Ruybal's



Courier photo by Ken Hamrick

Alamosa High School's Gus West catches a pop fly in the first game of a doubleheader against Bayfield on Saturday. The Mean Moose won the first game 5-4, but the Wolverines won the second 16-10.

sacrifice bunt. Brennan Maez was safe on an error and Pittman scored on the play.

The Wolverines came back with a run in the top of the third. Wilmer started things with a double and Josiah Mayfield, who was courtesy running for Wilmer, came home on Ryan's single.

The Mean Moose scored another run in the third. Garcia led off the inning with a single, followed by a single by West. Jayden Mizokami singled to drive in Garcia to cut the deficit to 3-2.

Alamosa took the lead with two runs in the fifth. Arambula reached on an error and West walked. Mizokami singled to bring home Arambula, and West scored as Maez was safe on an error.

Bayfield put a runner on base in both the sixth

and seventh innings. The Wolverine runner was left stranded in the sixth, and the Mean Moose turned a double play to end the game.

Xavier Lujan went the distance for Alamosa and he took the win. He allowed four runs and seven hits and he struck out six and walked three.

The Mean Moose had nine hits and were led by Garcia who went 3-4, Mizokami who went 2-3 with two RBIs, and Pittman who went 2-3.

Game 2

Bayfield again took the early lead with three runs in the first. Owen Cornelia led off with a single and Heydinger walked. Isaac Forsythe singled home Eidan, and Heydinger came home on Candelaria's sacrifice fly. Box singled to plate Forsythe for a 12-9

Griego had a leadoff single, and Garcia was safe on an error. Mizokami singled to plate Griego, and Pittman's triple scored Garcia and Mizokami. Pittman scored on a wild pitch for a 4-2 Alamosa lead.

The Wolverines responded in a big way with seven runs in the second. Brendan Heydinger was hit by a pitch, and he stole second and took third on a passed ball. Cornelia was also hit by a pitch and stole second. Both runners scored on errors to tie the score at 4-4.

Candelaria beat out an infield single and he also stole second. Box's single plated Candelaria to put the Wolverines back in front at 5-4.

Wilmer also got hit by a pitch, and Wagner doubled home Box and Wilmer. Ryan tripled home Mayfield, who was courtesy running for Wagner, and Ryan scored on an error for a 9-4 Bayfield advantage.

The Mean Moose scored twice in the bottom of the second. Ryan Higareda drew a leadoff walk, and Griego singled. An error on the play allowed Higareda to score, and Garcia singled to bring home Griego to cut the deficit to 9-6.

Alamosa tied the score in the third. Jaidyn Burciaga and Higareda both walked, and Griego singled home Burciaga, Garcia and Arambula both reached on errors with Higareda and Griego both scoring.

Bayfield regained the lead for good with three runs in the fifth. Owen Eidan led off with a single and Heydinger walked. Isaac Forsythe singled home Eidan, and Heydinger came home on Candelaria's sacrifice fly. Box singled to plate Forsythe for a 12-9

Wolverines lead.

Bayfield scored another run in the sixth. Brandon Anderson singled, and Heydinger doubled. Forsythe singled to drive home Mayfield and the Wolverines led 13-9.

Bayfield scored three more runs in the seventh. Cornelia had a leadoff single and Candelaria also singled. Box walked to load the bases, and Wilmer doubled home Cornelia and Candelaria. Box scored on Anderson's sacrifice fly.

The Mean Moose got a run in the bottom of the seventh as Burciaga reached on a fielder's choice and stole second. He came home on Griego's single.

Ruybal started as Alamosa's pitcher and he took the loss. He gave up 12 runs and 11 hits and he struck out four, walked one and hit three batters. West finished the game and surrendered four runs and seven hits with three strikeouts and one walk.

The Mean Moose collected nine hits. They were led by Griego who went 4-5 with a double and two RBIs and Mizokami who went 2-4 with a double and one RBI.

What's next

Alamosa (2-12, 1-1) will play a single game at Salida on Tuesday.

"I know they're decent," Kechter said. "They played Bayfield and it was a close game by one or two runs. So I know it's not going to be just walking in expecting to win. We're going to have to fight to win that one to."

First pitch is at 4:30 p.m.

Alamosa 5, Bayfield 4

Bayfield 301 000 0-4 7 4

Alamosa 111 020 x-5 9 1

Wilmer (L), Anderson (6) and Forsythe. Lujan (W) and Garcia.

Bayfield 16, Alamosa 10

Bayfield 270 031 1-16 18 4

Alamosa 423 000 1-10 9 3

Wagner (W), Anderson (S) and Forsythe. Ruybal (L), West (5) and David, Garcia (3).

Centauri boys, Gunnison girls win Del Norte meet

By KEN HAMRICK

Courier sports editor

ALAMOSA – The Del Norte High School track and field team hosted its annual meet Saturday at the Tigers' stadium.

Alamosa

The Mean Moose had one individual champion in Jesse Maestas who won the pole vault at 13-0.

Also placing for the Alamosa boys were Ethan Arnoldi who was second in the pole vault at 11-8 and eighth in the long jump at 16-6 ½, Brant Jackson who was second in the high jump at 6-4, Bryan Hernandez who was fourth in the 1,600 in 5:36.02, Jace Montoya who was fifth in the discus at 113-11, Marvin Rodas who was seventh in the pole vault at 8-2, Caleb Brown who tied for eighth in the pole vault at 7-8, and Kingston Wilcox who tied for eighth in the high jump at 5-2.

The Mean Moose also placed in three relays including second in the 4x800 in 9:36.43, fifth in the 4x100 in 58.45, and fifth in the 4x200 in 1:57.92.

For the Lady Mean Moose, Kaylee Gonzales-Moore was second in the 100 in 13.26, and Isabella Lopez was seventh in the 1,600 in 6:46.55.

Alamosa was also sixth in the girls 4x200 in 2:15.80.

Centauri

The Centauri had four individual champions in Tyrel Hostetter who won the 1,600 in 5:09.06, Rye Howsmon who won the long jump at 18-7, Troy Sowards who won the high jump at 6-8, and Carson Bagwell who won the triple jump at 39-9. Bagwell was also third in the high jump at 5-10.

Also placing for the Centauri boys were Konner Horton who was second in the 300 hurdles in 45.95 and third in the 110 hurdles in 19.26, Carson Shawcroft who was second in the triple jump at 37-1 and tied for fifth in the high jump at 5-6. Donovan Jarvies who

was fourth in the high jump at 5-8, Richardson Taillefer who was fourth in the 200 in 23.68, Ammon Reed who was fifth in the 110 hurdles in 19.82 and fifth in the 300 hurdles in 49.04, Tavish Roberts who tied for fifth in the pole vault at 9-2, Kaleb Anderson who was sixth in the 3,200 in 12:43.39 and seventh in the 1,600 in 5:50.45, Graham Hunzeker who was sixth in the shot put at 33-4, Mason Weyers who was sixth in the 110 hurdles in 20.10, Cole Jackson who was seventh in the 110 hurdles in 20.11 and seventh in the 300 hurdles in 49.26, and Shelton Sowards who was seventh in the long jump at 16-8 ½.

The Falcons also won three relays including the 4x100 in 46.18, the 4x200 in 1:35.55, and the 4x400 in 3:42.84.

The Lady Falcons had 10 placers including Alyvia Norton who was second in the high jump at 5-0, Analyn Dwyer who tied for third in the high jump at 4-10 and was seventh in the 100 in 14.24, Bailey Graber who was third in the 1,600 in 6:04.09 and fifth in the 400 in 1:10.05, McKenzie Torres who was third in the 3,200 in 13:06.84, Sara Kelly who tied for fourth in the pole vault at 6-2, Brooklyn Shawcroft who also tied for fourth in the pole vault at 6-2, Mikasa Gilleland who was fifth in the 200 in 30.05 and tied for seventh in the high jump at 4-6, Faith Medellin who was sixth in the 1,600 in 6:46.39 and sixth in the 800 in 3:04.10, Kaia Skadberg who was seventh in the 200 in 30.23, and Harper Russell who was eighth in the 100 hurdles in 19.54.

The Lady Falcons also placed in three relays. They were second in the 4x200 in 1:59.90, third in the 4x100 in 56.15, and third in the 800 sprint medley in 2:04.10.

Center

Leading the Vikings were Caden Ruggles who was second in the long jump at 18-6 ¾ and fourth in the 300 hurdles in 48.72, Andree Meraz who was third in the discus at 119-6, and Timone Dolan who was sixth in the 300 hurdles in 49.11.

They were also sixth in the 4x200 in 1:58.73.

The Lady Vikings had one individual champion in Emiliana Valdez who won the shot put at 28-3 ½.

Also placing for the Center girls were Ciara Paiz who was fifth in the long jump at 14-7 ½, seventh in the triple jump at 30-4 and eighth in the 100 in 14.25, and Giselle Meraz was seventh in the shot put at 23-7.

Creede

The Miners had one placer in Tyler Sliwonski who was sixth in the triple jump at 33-5.

The Lady Miners had two placers in Jasmine Laing who tied for third in the high jump at 4-10, and Lila Fairchild who tied for fifth in the same event at 4-8.

Del Norte

The Tigers had four athletes place in more than one event. Cruz Matta was second in the 1,600 in 5:17.15 and third in the 800 in 2:17.58, Caleb Cowett was third in the 400 in 54.04 and sixth in the 800 in 2:20.81, Mads Krueger was third in the 3,200 in 12:03.46 and eighth in the 800 in 2:23.10, and Damon Ledford-Vigil was third in the pole vault at 11-2 and fourth in the 400 in 55.77.

Also placing for the Del Norte boys were Jose Pinon who was fifth in the 1,600 in 5:40.55, Wyatt VanZalinge who was fifth in the pole vault at 9-2, and Calvin Quintana who was seventh in the shot put at 32-7.

Moffat

Moffat had only one placer in Shauna Pollard who was eighth in the 800 in 3:13.13.

Monte Vista

The Pirates had one champion in Jack Noonan who won the 300 hurdles in 45.75. He was also fifth in the 200 in 24.49.

Also placing for the Pirates were Alex Gonzales who was sixth in the 200 in 25.05, Jamian Martinez who was fifth in the 400 in 56.46 and seventh in the 800 in 2:22.18, Axl Schuknecht who was seventh in the 200 in 25.09, and Johnjake Naranjo who was eighth in the discus at 107-8.

Monte Vista was also third in the boys 4x400 in 4:14.08.

For the Lady Pirates, Hannah Henderhan was fourth in the discus at 83-5 and sixth in the shot put at 24-1, Torriona Heredia was fourth in the 200 in 29.92, Madison Henderhan was fifth in the shot put at 24-11 and tied for seventh in the discus at 79-7, Elena Baumgardner tied for seventh in the triple jump at 29-9, and Daylin Castro was eighth in the 300 hurdles in 58.58.

The Lady Pirates also won two relays including the 4x200 in 1:58.54 and the 4x400 in 4:51.33. They were also second in the 4100 in 55.74 and fifth in the 800 sprint medley in 2:11.53.

Sanford

The Mustangs had one champion in Tucker Canty who won the 800 in 2:15.60.

Also placing for the Sanford boys were Lincoln Reynolds who was second in the 100 in 11.61 and third in the 200 in 23.26, and Bryce Keck who was eighth in the shot put at 32-4.

The Mustangs placed in three relays. They were third in the 4x100 in 50.59, third in the 4x200 in 1:39.09, and fifth in the 4x400 in 4:19.27.

The Lady Mustangs won five events. Brecken Crowther won the long jump at 16-2 ¼, Holly McDaniel won the 100 hurdles in 17.15 and the 300 hurdles in 50.67, and Erica Miller won the 400 in 1:03.10 and the 800 in 2:37.62.

McDaniel was also

second in the triple jump at 33-10 ½.

Also placing for the Lady Mustangs were Ashley Dominguez who was sixth in the 100 in 14.17, and Jaimey Turner who tied for seventh in the discus in 77-2.

The Sanford girls also won two relays including the 800 sprint medley in 1:58.33, and the 4x800 in 13:17.89. They were also fourth in the 4x100 in 56.29, and fourth in the 4x200 in 2:02.50.

Sangre de Cristo

The Thunderbirds had two placers in Brody Artaechevarria who was fourth in the 800 in 2:18.7, seventh in the triple jump at 33-2 ½ and eighth in the 400 in 59.06, and William Wilson who was eighth in the 3,200 in 13:05.42.

For the Lady Thunderbirds, Taylor Freel was sixth in the discus at 83-1 and eighth in the shot put at 22-8 ½.

Sargent

The Farmers had two placers in Westen Burkhardt who was fifth in the 800 in 2:19.55 and eighth in the 300 hurdles in 50.17, and Josiah Yocum who was seventh in the 3,200 in 12:55.09.

For the Lady Farmers, Bailey Asbell was second in the 300 hurdles in 53.22, fourth in the 100 hurdles in 17.83 and tied for seventh in the high jump at 4-6. Madaline Mitchell was third in the 400 in 1:09.71 and fifth in the 100 in 14.13, Silva Daugherty was sixth in the 400 in 1:11.10, and Kimmy Pargin was sixth in the 100 hurdles in 19.09.

The Lady Farmers placed fourth in the 800 sprint medley in 2:09.24.

Boys team scores

Centauri 140 ½, Gunnison 91, La Junta 72, Buena Vista 59 ½, Alamosa 57 ½, Monte Vista 50 ½, Del Norte 56 ½, Trinidad 47, Sanford 46, Walsenburg 38 ½, Monte Vista 29, Center 25, Sangre de Cristo 9, Sargent 7, Creede 3, South park 1.

Girls team scores

Gunnison 158, Sanford 92 ½, Centauri 74, La Junta 68 ½, Monte Vista 56 ½, Buena Vista 50 ½, Sargent 35, South Park 28 ½, Trinidad 20 ½, Center 20, La Veta 14, Alamosa 13, Creede 10, Del Norte 7, Sangre de Cristo 5, Lake City 5, Moffat 2.

Public Notices

Request for Proposal for Audit Services

Purpose
The purpose of this request for proposal (RFP) is to engage the services of a qualified firm of certified public accountants to provide auditing services to Alamosa School District RE-11J.

Services Required
The scope of the prospective engagement will be to perform a financial and compliance audit of the District for the year ended June 30, 2024, with the option to audit the District's financial statements for each of the four (4) subsequent fiscal years. The firm selected will be expected to provide consultation and assistance in the preparation of its basic financial statements in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles. The audit and resulting accountants' reports must be in accordance with the Single Audit Act.

Description of Entity to be Audited
The District serves approximately 2,000 students in Alamosa, Colorado. Funds included in the financial statements to be audited will be the General, Capital Projects, Special Revenue, and Internal Service Funds. More detailed information on the District, as well as the District's finances can be found in the fiscal year ended June 30, 2023 Audited Financial Statements which is posted on the District's website under financial transparency.

Inquiries
This request for proposal (RFP) is issued by the District. All proposals should be mailed to: Alamosa School District, 209 Victoria Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 Attention: Amanda Hensley, Chief Operations and Financial Officer, 719-587-1600 or hand delivered to 403 Santa Fe, Alamosa, CO 81101.

Qualifications Required
In order to be considered, the firm presenting the proposal must be a firm of certified public accountants eligible by law to practice public accounting in the State of Colorado.

Proposal Content
Proposals must include the following information:
1. Firm's Name; the name, address and telephone number of the contact person; and the proposal date; include the firm's license to practice in Colorado
2. Letter explaining the understanding of work to be done, commitment to the calendar and a statement why the auditing firm is in the best position to perform the auditing services
3. Has the local office performed school district, or government, audits in Colorado? List names of school districts, dates of audits and whether a single audit was required. Include any other statements related to qualifications and experience.
4. List the personnel of your local organization who are likely to be assigned to the engagement. Indicate whether Partner, Principal, Senior Accountant, etc. Provide information on Colorado licensure for each person and whether the individual has school district, or governmental, auditing experience.
5. What is the firm's standard for continuing professional education, for certified staff and non-certified staff? How many hours of continuing professional education (CPE) are required in governmental accounting and auditing? If required, are individual staff members meeting the minimum requirements as defined by the Yellow Book?
6. What percentage of the external auditors who would be assigned to the audit have at least six months experience in governmental accounting? Please give details.
7. Submit a copy of the most recent completed external quality control review (i.e., peer review). If available, a review of a specific government engagement.
8. Please quote a not to exceed audit fee for each of the next four years, which must include out-of-pocket expenses.
Firms are requested to provide the written proposal to the District by April 30, 2024.

Time Requirements
The following deadlines are presently anticipated:
* RFP released April 1, 2024
* Prospective bidder's inquiry deadline April 15, 2024
* Proposal deadline April 30, 2024
* Notifications of bid selection May 15, 2024
* Engagement of successful firm May 31, 2024
* End of accounting period June 30, 2024
* Submit audit report to Board of Education for approval December 12, 2024
* Submit audit report to the Office of the State Auditor December 31, 2024

Evaluation Process
The District will judge the merits of proposals received in accordance with the criteria discussed below. The bidder is responsible for providing all information requested in this RFP and failure to do so may result in disqualification of the proposal. During the evaluation process, the District may request firms to complete an oral presentation or answer further questions about their proposal.

Criteria:
1. Certified public accounting firm licensed to practice in the State of Colorado.
2. A peer review completed within the past three years.
3. The adequacy and completeness of the proposal.
4. The experience of the firm.
5. The experience and qualifications of staff to be assigned to the audit.
6. The proposed cost of the audit (number of hours and hourly rate).
7. Right to Reject Proposals
This is not a competitive bid. The RFP process allows the District to select the vendor that best meets the needs of the District, taking into consideration firm qualifications, price, and service capabilities. The District reserves the right to reject any or all proposals and accepts no responsibility for the cost of proposal preparation.
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NOTICE

Alamosa School District RE11J
Mailing Address: Ortega Middle School, 401 Victoria Ave, Alamosa, CO 81101 Physical Address: Administration Office, 403 Santa Fe Ave, Alamosa CO 81101
Tel: 719-587-1600
Fax: 719-587-1721

REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS (RFP)
PRIME VENDOR/DISTRIBUTOR - SCHOOL FOOD AND PAPER GOOD SUPPLIES 2024-2025 Year
Complete Request for Proposal documents and instructions can be found on the Alamosa School District Website: www.alamosaschools.org under Foodservice Department, Food Bid Folder.
DATE PROPOSALS ARE DUE: Wednesday, April 24th, @ 2:00PM
In accordance with federal civil rights law and U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) civil rights regulations and policies, this institution is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex (including gender identity and sexual orientation), disability, age, or reprisal or retaliation for prior civil rights activity.
Program information may be made available in languages other than English. Persons with disabilities who require alternative means of communication to obtain program information (e.g., Braille, large print, audiotape, American Sign Language), should contact the responsible state or local agency that administers the program or USDA's TARGET Center at (202) 720-2600 (voice and TTY) or contact USDA through the Federal Relay Service at (800) 877-8339.
This Institution is an Equal Opportunity Provider
To file a program discrimination complaint, a Complainant should complete a Form AD-3027, USDA Program Discrimination Complaint Form which can be obtained online at:
<https://www.usda.gov/sites/default/files/documents/USDA-OASCR%20P-Complaint-Form-0508-0002-508-11-28-17fax2Mail.pdf>, from any USDA office, by calling (866) 632-9992, or by writing a letter addressed to USDA. The letter must contain the complainant's name, address, telephone number, and a written description of the alleged discriminatory action in sufficient detail to inform the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights (ASCR) about the nature and date of an alleged civil rights violation. The completed AD-3027 form or letter must be submitted to USDA by:
1. mail:
2.
3. U.S. Department of Agriculture
Office of the Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights
1400 Independence Avenue, SW
Washington, D.C. 20250-9410; or
fax:
(833) 256-1665 or (202) 690-7442; or email:
program.intake@usda.gov
No. 3874.
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DISTRICT COURT, ALAMOSA COUNTY, STATE OF COLORADO
Civil Action No. 2023 CV 030034, Division No. D
SUMMONS (BY PUBLICATION)
COLORADO MOUNTAIN RANCHES, INC., a Colorado corporation, Plaintiffs,
vs.
MARTIN ROBERTO CASTANEDA, ROSALVA CASTANEDA, KARI FORD,
KENNETH W. FORD, DOROTHY E. FRANK, REGINA HOFER, ARTHUR M. WILLIAMS, BRIAN C. WOOD, RACHELA. WOOD and all other persons who claim as heirs, devisees, creditors or otherwise under said defendants, and all unknown persons who claim any interest in the subject matter of this action,
Defendants.
THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF COLORADO TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANTS:
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to appear and defend against the claims of the Complaint filed with the Court in this action, by filing with the Clerk of this Court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within thirty days after the service of this Summons upon you. Service of this Summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the Complaint may be obtained from the Clerk of the Court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the Complaint in writing within thirty days after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the Court for the relief demanded in the Complaint without further notice to you.
This is an action to quiet title to the following described property situated in the County of Alamosa and State of Colorado, to-wit:
Lot 42, Block C, Deer Valley Meadows, Unit 1;
Lot 35, Block E, Deer Valley Meadows, Unit 1;
Lot 16, Block 3, San Luis Valley Ranches, Unit 11;
Lot 15, Block 5, San Luis Valley Ranches, Unit 11; and
Lots 18 and 19, in Block 45, The Zapata - Unit Two, the Plat of which was filed July 29, 1976, under Allocation No. 188563, in the office of the Clerk and Recorder of Alamosa County, Colorado;
(the "Property"), free and clear of all liens and encumbrances.
DATED: April 8, 2024.
MOTZ LAW FIRM, LLC
By: /s/ Jeffrey E. Motz
Jeffrey E. Motz, Reg. No. 7740
Jeffrey E. Motz, Reg. No. 35972
Attorneys for Plaintiff
410 San Juan Avenue
P. O. Box 779
Alamosa, Colorado 81101
Telephone: (719) 589-6676
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Last Publication Date: May 7, 2024
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ATTENTION GRADUATING HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS
The Saguaque County Board of County Commissioners are accepting scholarship applications for graduating seniors who will be graduating high school in 2024.
Commissioners will be awarding graduating seniors' college scholarships that will be paid through the Marijuana Excise Tax funds. Scholarships may be used at a trade school, college or university but you must reside in Saguaque County to apply and possibly receive scholarship funds.
Applications are due by Wednesday, May 1, 2024 and are available through our website at www.saguaquecounty.colorado.gov to download the application or by contacting Wendi Maez at 719-655-2231 or by email at wmaz@sguaquecounty-co.gov.
No. 3892.
Published in the Valley Courier on April 9, 12, 16, 19, 23, 26, 30, & May 3, 2024.

South Conejos School District is seeking sealed bids for the sale of:
2002 Chevy Suburban 6.0 engine, 4WD w/ Snow Plow, 172,141 miles.
2003 Blue Bird 65 Passenger Bus: DT466e engine and automatic transmission, 202,442 miles.
For inquiries, please call: 719-376-7007. Sealed bids can be sent to ebrien@southconejos.com. All bids must be received by 2:00 p.m. on April 30, 2024. Bids received after this date and time will not be considered. The South Conejos School District reserves the right to reject any and all bids if deemed to be in the best interest of the District.
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District Court Denver Probate Court
Alamosa County, Colorado
Court Address:
8955 Independence Way
Alamosa, CO 81101
In the Matter of the Estate of:
JUDITH C. MARRON also known as JUDITH CLAIRE MARRON and as JUDITH MARRON
Deceased
COURT USE ONLY
Attorney or Party Without Attorney (Name and Address):
Elise Aiken, Atty. No. 43831
KOTKKE & BRANTZ, LLC
2975 Valmont Road, Suite 240
Boulder, CO 80301
Office Line: (303) 449-6161 ext.113
Fax: (303) 440-0348
Email: elise@kbcolorado.com
Case Number: 2024PR030010
Division D
NOTICE TO CREDITORS BY PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO § 15-12-801, C.R.S.
NOTICE TO CREDITORS
Estate of Judith C. Marron, Deceased. Case Number 2024PR030010
All persons having claims against the above named estate are required to present them to the personal representative or to X District Court of Alamosa County, Colorado or Denver Probate Court of the City and County of Denver, Colorado on or before August 16, 2024 (date)*, or the claims may be forever barred.
Elise Aiken, Attorney for PR
Type or Print name of Person Giving Notice
2975 Valmont Road, Suite 240
Address
Boulder, CO, 80301
City, State, Zip Code
No. 3900.
Published in the Valley Courier on April 16, 23, & 30, 2024.

District Court Costilla County, Colorado
304 Main Street
P.O. Box 301
San Luis, CO 81152
719-672-3681
Plaintiff:
BAYBOLON HOLDINGS LLC, a New York limited liability company v.
Defendants:
ESTATE OF PATRICIA LYNN SMITH a/k/a PATRICIA LYNN SMITH-COCKRELL; TRISHA SMITH a/k/a TRISHA DENISE SMITH; CLARENCE W. COCKRELL a/k/a CLARENCE WELTON COCKRELL; ESTATE OF ALEXIS M. LEIVA a/k/a ALEXIS MANUEL LEIVA; FLORE DEMARIA LEIVA; ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM UNDER OR THROUGH THE NAMED DEFENDANTS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO THE HEIRS AND DEVISEES OF THE ESTATE OF PATRICIA LYNN SMITH a/k/a PATRICIA LYNN SMITH-COCKRELL AND THE ESTATE OF ALEXIS M. LEIVA a/k/a ALEXIS MANUEL LEIVA, AND ALL UNKNOWN PERSONS WHO CLAIM ANY INTEREST IN THE SUBJECT MATTER OF THIS ACTION
COURT USE ONLY
Attorneys for Plaintiffs:
Zachary A. Grey, Atty. Reg. 49269
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein P.C.
4750 Table Mesa Drive
Boulder, CO 80305
Telephone: 303-494-3000
Facsimile: 303-494-6309
Email: zac@frascona.com
Case Number: 2024CV030002
Division: C Courtroom
SERVICE BY PUBLICATION
TO THE ABOVE-NAMED DEFENDANT(S):
You are hereby summoned and required to appear and defend against the claims of the complaint filed with the court in this action, by filing with the clerk of this court an answer or other response. You are required to file your answer or other response within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the service of this summons upon you. Service of this summons shall be complete on the day of the last publication. A copy of the complaint may be obtained from the clerk of the court.
If you fail to file your answer or other response to the complaint in writing within 21 or 35 days, as applicable, after the date of the last publication, judgment by default may be rendered against you by the court for the relief demanded in the complaint without further notice.
Dated: April 12, 2024
Published in The Valley Courier
First Publication: Tuesday April 16, 2024
Last Publication: Tuesday, May 14, 2024
Frascona, Joiner, Goodman and Greenstein, P.C.
/s/Zachary A. Grey
Attorney for Plaintiff
No. 3901.
Published in the Valley Courier on April 16, 23, 30, May 7, & 14, 2024.

173 - PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

LICENSED PLUMBER DOES all types of plumbing & plumbing repairs. Quick service! Call anytime, weekends & evenings: 719-580-0033 or 719-376-2593. (5/24/24-monthly)

221 - HELP WANTED

WE GOT THE HELP WE WERE LOOKING FOR WITH THE HELP OF THE VALLEY COURIER. Smokin Spuds. (AS)

SANFORD SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a HIGH SCHOOL/MIDDLE SCHOOL SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. CLASSROOM TEACHER at AES K-2. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. EL TEACHER at ALAMOSA HIGH SCHOOL. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in ENGLISH LEARNER PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. CLASSROOM TEACHER at AES 3-5. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. LANGUAGE ARTS TEACHER at ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in LANGUAGE ARTS. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. HOME ECONOMICS TEACHER. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in FAMILY CONSUMER SCIENCE. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. TECHNOLOGY EDUCATION TEACHER. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in CTE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

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ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. BUSINESS INSTRUCTIONAL TEACHER at ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in CTE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

ALAMOSA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for the 2024-2025 School Year. SPECIAL EDUCATION TEACHER at ORTEGA MIDDLE SCHOOL. Applicant must have or be able to obtain a Colorado Teacher License with an endorsement in SPECIAL EDUCATION. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, please contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

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CONEJOS COUNTY IS seeking a HEAVY EQUIPMENT OPERATOR / DRIVER / LABORER. Applicant must be able to operate a loader, grader, belly dump, and drive a semi, must have a class A Commercial Driver's License, clean driving record and pass a pre-employment drug screen. Pay is \$19.91/hr \$41,412.80 annually. County application form required. Applications available at conejoscounty.colorado.gov or via email upon request at crizzi@co.conejos.co.us. Inquiries call 719-376-6799. Deadline 04/22/24. (4/20/24)

TOWN OF CENTER, COLORADO Seeks a TOWN MANAGER. General Statement of Duties: Supervises 22-25 employees of varied departments such as Utilities, Public Safety, Streets and Parks and Administration. Position Overview - As the Town Manager, you will serve as the chief executive officer of our municipality, responsible for overseeing all aspects of municipal operations and administration. You will work closely with elected officials, department heads, to implement policies, manage resources, and foster sustainable growth and development. Key Responsibilities: Provide visionary leadership and strategic direction to achieve the town's goals and objectives. Collaborate with elected officials to develop and implement policies that reflect the needs and priorities of the community. Manage the day-to-day operations of the Town's departments. Ensure efficient use of resources and adherence to budgetary constraints. Foster effective communication and engagement with residents and businesses. Represent the Town's interests in regional, state, and federal forums. Have some knowledge of Human Resources. Promote transparency, accountability, and ethical conduct in all town activities. Education and Experience: The Board will consider, on a case by case basis, a combination of education and experience that shows capacity to perform the essential functions of the job. Qualified candidates should submit their resume to Rose DeHerrera, Town Clerk at rose@centerco.gov or Town of Center, PO Box 400, Center, CO 81125. The Town of Center is an Equal Opportunity Employer and values diversity at all levels of its workforce. Closing: Open until filled. Salary: DOE with benefits. Job Type: Full Time/Exempt. Location: Town Hall, 294 S. Worth Street, Center, CO. (5/3/24)

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THE CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for a **SEASONAL PARKS MAINTENANCE WORKER**. This position is approximately 16 weeks, 40 hours/wk. Duties include mowing, trimming, watering parks and trash pickup. Wage is \$16.00-\$17.00 per hour. Applications and job description are available at www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov or pickup/return applications to the City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave., Monte Vista, CO. 81144. Open until filled. (5/31/24)

ALAMOSASCHOOL DISTRICT is now accepting applications for the following positions: **TECHNOLOGY SUPPORT DISTRICT WIDE**. Applications are available online at <https://www.alamosaschools.org/>. For more information, contact Tracy Vigil at 719-587-1600. Application deadline is until filled. EOE. (4/16/24)

OUTREACH ASSISTANT, SAN LUIS VALLEY LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks an LFLP OUTREACH COORDINATOR. Strong communication and computer skills are required. Submit your resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. (5/1/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

NOTICE OF JOB opening for **STAKING ENGINEER, SAN LUIS VALLEY RURAL ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC.**, located at 3625 US Hwy 160 W, MONTE VISTA, Colorado currently has an open position for a Staking Engineer. Work hours are Monday - Thursday, 6:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., forty hours/week plus additional time as duties require. Responsible for communications with stakeholders, developing best value construction standards, producing accurate stating sheets including material lists and costs estimates, obtaining easements and permits, contributing to economic development with best value electric and fiber service opportunities, and interpreting maps, surveys and electric drawings. Education requirements include a degree in engineering, land surveying, construction management, journeyman lineman certification, or equivalent. Additional testing will be required. Visit our website at www.slvrec.com to complete the job application. Applications will not be accepted after close of business on Monday, April 22, 2024 at 6:30 AM. EOE. (4/20/24)

ACCOUNTANT, THE SLV LOCAL FOODS COALITION seeks an ACCOUNTANT to oversee finances for our local nonprofit. Send resume and cover letter to opportunity.slvlocalfoods@gmail.com. Additional requirements can be found at www.slvlocalfoods.org/jobs/. (5/1/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

LOOKING FOR A rewarding and fulfilling career? Are you a positive, self-motivated individual? Consider a career with the **MONTE VISTA HEAD START FISCAL OFFICER** is responsible for the fiscal management and fiscal reporting to the Office of Head Start and the Grantee Board. Must be proficient in QuickBooks and Microsoft office applications. Qualifications are: Experience in business or fiscal management, BA accounting, Business Management or related field. For more information, you may contact the director at, director@mvheadstart.org or call 719-852-3215. Positions opened until filled. (4/26/24)

WATER/SEWER OPERATOR: PART-TIME; Pay based on experience; Job Title: Water and Sewer Operator. Job Description: The Water and Sewer Operator plays a vital role in ensuring the efficient and safe operation of the town's water and sewer systems. Responsibilities include monitoring, maintaining, and repairing water treatment and distribution systems, as well as sewer collection and treatment facilities. To apply, submit a resume to townofromeo@gmail.com or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for application. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

ADAMS STATE UNIVERSITY seeks applicants for an **ADVISING COORDINATOR** for its **UPWARD BOUND MATH & SCIENCE PROGRAM**. The salary for this position starts at \$46,476 per year. A minimum Bachelor's Degree in science, technology, engineering, math, or related field is required for this exempt position. For application details and more information, please see <https://www.adams.edu/hr/employment/AA/EOE>. (4/27/24)

PART-TIME MAINTENANCE TECHNICIAN/PARKS & RECREATION TECHNICIAN: Part-Time Hourly 15-20 hours; Pay rate \$14.42/hour. Job Description: We are seeking a skilled and dedicated Part-Time Maintenance Technician/Parks and Recreation Technician to join our team in maintaining and enhancing the beauty and functionality of our town's parks and recreational areas. As a vital member of our community, you will be responsible for ensuring the upkeep, safety, and cleanliness of our parks, playgrounds, and town buildings and facilities. To apply, submit a resume to townofromeo@gmail.com or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for application. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)

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DEPUTY CLERK: PART-TIME Hourly 15-20 hours, Tuesday-Thursday and some Fridays; Pay Rate \$14.42. Position Overview/ Job Description: We are seeking a diligent and organized individual to join our team as a Part-Time Deputy Clerk for our small town. The Deputy Clerk will work closely with the Town Clerk and other municipal staff to ensure the efficient operation of administrative tasks and provide support in various municipal functions. This position offers an excellent opportunity for someone who is detail-oriented, community-focused, and eager to contribute to the smooth functioning of local government. To apply, submit a resume to townofromeo@gmail.com or come in during office hours Tuesday or Thursday 9 to 3 for application. You can call 719-843-5785 for more information. (4/26/24)

MECHANIC: JT TIMBER FALLING is hiring a full-time HEAVY EQUIPMENT and TRUCK MECHANIC in BLANCA, CO. \$25-\$45/hr depending on experience. Monday - Friday schedule. Benefits are available. Call 719-379-4066 or visit jttimber.com to apply. (5/8/24)

MONTE VISTA SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for a SPECIAL EDUCATION PARAPROFESSIONAL at BILL METZ ELEMENTARY for the 2024-2025 school year. A complete list of desired qualifications and experience may be viewed on the district website. Monte Vista School District operates on a 4-day week (Monday - Thursday) and offers a competitive salary and an excellent benefit package including employee health, dental, vision, HSA match, and life coverage. The salary for this position will be paid from the current MVSD Paraprofessional Salary Schedule, which can be viewed on the district website - Employment Opportunities page. Placement on the salary schedule will be determined by education and experience at time of hire. Applications may be submitted through our online employment application https://www.pirates.monte.k12.co.us/employmentopportunities, by April 23, 2024, or until the position is filled. For questions contact the District Administration Office at 719-852-5996. (4/24/24)

CENTER CONSOLIDATED SCHOOL DISTRICT 26th is paying years of service and single health insurance benefits. Apply now to become part of our dynamic district as we are now accepting applications for the position of K-12 ART TEACHER, for the 2024-2025 School Year. Qualifications: Must hold a valid State of Colorado Teacher's License or, such alternative as the Board of Education may find appropriate and acceptable. Applications can be found on the District Website https://www.center.k12.co.us/page/employment-opportunities or contact the District Office at (719) 754-3442. Application Deadline: Until Position is Filled. EOE. (5/8/24)

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for (1) HIGH SCHOOL SOCIAL STUDIES TEACHER for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicant must hold a current Colorado teaching license or be willing to work toward certification. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Application deadline is until position is filled. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. EOE. (4/24/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

NORTH CONEJOS SCHOOL DISTRICT is accepting applications for (1) full-time SECONDARY EDUCATION TEACHER at North Conejos Alternative Program for the 2024-2025 school year. Contact Susan Hamilton for details at 719-580-5864. Applicants must hold a current Colorado Teaching License or be able to obtain proper endorsement. NCSD offers a competitive salary, great discipline and environment for staff and students, and up to \$915 monthly towards health insurance. Applications are available at the District Administration Office, 17887 US Hwy 285, LA JARA, CO 81140 or can be downloaded at www.northconejos.com. Submit application to Mr. Darren Edgar, Superintendent. Application deadline is until position is filled. EOE. (4/24/24)

SANGRE DE CRISTO SCHOOL DISTRICT has the following positions available for the 2024-2025 school year: HS GIRLS BASKETBALL COACH & FOOD SERVICE DIRECTOR. Please visit our website www.sangreschools.org to apply. If you have any questions, please call 719-420-1422. (4/19/24)

DATA ANALYST - LA PUENTE HOME INC., seeks a Data Analyst for its Adelante Family Resource Center Program. This position is responsible for overseeing Adelante's Data Systems and reporting frameworks to ensure the timely and accurate recording of data, transforming raw data into structured information and reports, and supervising performance and quality assurance processes to pinpoint areas for enhancement. Other duties include training new staff and providing ongoing data entry support to program staff, overseeing the Working Together program reporting requirements, and implementation of team meetings. Salary \$37,800 to \$40,000, DOE. Submit resumes and cover letters to HR@lapuente.net. Resumes without phone numbers and an email will not be considered. (4/19/24)

CITY OF MONTE VISTA is accepting applications for KIDS CONNECTION SUMMER PROGRAM LEADERS. Duties include, planning, scheduling, and implementing youth program activities. \$15 per hour. Job Description and applications are available at http://www.cityofmontevista.colorado.gov or City of Monte Vista, Human Resources, 95 West First Ave, Monte Vista, Co. 81144. (5/1/24)

POOLE CHEMICAL SEASONAL TRUCK DRIVER: Now-August, (local deliveries). Must have a CDL Class A and pass drug screen. Apply in Person 2060 S. Rd. 5E, MONTE VISTA. (4/17/24)

RIO GRANDE HOSPITAL an opening for an ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT; Manage the CEOs calendar, including making appointments, arranging appointments as necessary and needed, and prioritizing the most sensitive matters. Present highly professional and warm image to staff, public, and clients, organizing meetings, scheduling, sending reminders, or organizing catering (when necessary), agenda preparation, meeting minutes, maintaining integrated files. Responsible for ensuring that Rio Grande Hospital providers are fully compliant with all state and federal regulations. Must also ensure that every member of medical staff is legally licensed and/or credentialed and up to date with the latest medical policies and procedures. Monitor license and credential expiration dates and advise staff members of required renew. RGH is an EOE, complete an application online at http://riograndehospital.org under CONTACT, EMPLOYMENT. Additional questions: Call Paula Pacheco email paulap@riograndehospital.net or call 719-657-4111. (4/17/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

HEAD JUNIOR HIGH GIRLS' VOLLEYBALL COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach or assistant coach at the MIDDLE SCHOOL and or HIGH SCHOOL level is preferred. Must possess: effective coaching techniques and a thorough knowledge of the rules of the sport; and have the ability to establish and maintain effective working relationships with school administrators, parents, and students. Please contact Gibbs Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020. (5/1/24)

LOOKING FOR YEAR ROUND HELP ON POTATO GRAIN FARM, starting immediately, contact 719-850-2137. Must have experience around machinery and farming practices. (5/1/24)

CAFETERIA STAFF NEEDED at UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT. Must have a high school diploma and some knowledge of working in a kitchen or a willingness to be trained. Pay is dependent on prior experience. Please contact Leslie Martinez at 719-657-4040, x1100 or email her at lmartinez@urtigers.co. (5/1/24)

SUBSTITUTES TEACHERS NEEDED at the UPPER RIO GRANDE SCHOOL DISTRICT in DEL NORTE! Call or email: Sophia at 719-657-4040, x4000 (scruz@urtigers.co) for more information, go on-line: urtigers.co, or stop by the district office at: 950 French Street, Del Norte, CO to pick up an application. You do not have to hold a college degree or be a certified teacher to substitute; however, you must be a high school graduate and have a substitute license from CDE (Colorado Department of Education). (5/1/24)

CSU-SAN LUIS VALLEY RESEARCH CENTER is seeking TEMPORARY hourly employees to work M-F 8:00am to 4:30pm, 30 to 40 hours per week. Aids in the preparation of research field experiments and crops. Provides planting, irrigating, cultivating, harvesting, storing crops and various tasks important to the research initiatives at this station. Please apply at https://jobs.colostate.edu/postings/141377 or contact Sharon at (719) 754-3594 x17. (4/17/24)

SHIPPING CLERK NEEDED for a POTATO WAREHOUSE IN CENTER, CO. Hours are generally 8am-6pm Monday thru Friday, and possibly a few hours Saturday mornings. FAMOUS software experience and knowledge a must. Salary is negotiable. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO or email resume or application to tluna@mtknk.com. (5/1/24)

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DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TEACHER needed at the URGS. We are seeking a hardworking and enthusiastic teaching professional to join our dynamic, vibrant and fun-loving team for the 2024-2025 school year. Applicants must have a bachelor's degree or higher and possess or be able to obtain a Colorado Teaching License. Please submit your application, resume and cover letter to: Amy Duda, Principal at aduda@urtigers.co or contact Amy at 719-657-4050. Applications can be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (4/30/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

POTATO WAREHOUSE IN CENTER IN NEED OF WORKERS. There are SEVERAL POSITIONS AVAILABLE. Hours 8:00 am-???. Competitive wages. Please inquire at MOUNTAIN KING SPUD GROWERS, 1090 South Miles Street, Center, CO. (5/1/24)

HELP WANTED: SOMEONE TO CLEAN THE TOWN HALL OFFICE. MUSEUM HELP: Must be 16 yrs of age or older for museum, must have some knowledge of Jack Dempsey history. Also, CHIEF OF POLICE & POLICE OFFICER. Please pick up application at the Town Hall office during business hours. (4/8/24)

HOME HEALTH AIDE for individual needed near LA JARA. CNA helpful but not required, on the job training. Good pay, flexible hours, must pass background check. Call or Text 719-580-9633. (4/26/24)

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SKYLINE POTATO CO. IN CENTER, CO is looking for a SHIPPING CLERK/ ASSISTANT SUPERVISOR for their bulk division. Applicants must be Bilingual (English/Spanish) and capable of using Microsoft Excel, Microsoft Word and able to learn other computer/shipping programs. Work week consists of Monday-Friday and some Saturdays. Responsibilities will be the following: Weigh in and out incoming trucks, ship out trucks with outgoing product and produce paperwork for the truck, coordinate incoming and outgoing trucks with supervisor and shipping/loading crew, help supervise employees. For an application please contact Margaret Limon @ 719-754-2043. (4/30/24)

1/2 TIME TIGER CONNECTION COACH (attendance & family connection) needed at DEL NORTE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL. This will be a 2-year part time classified position paid for with the Stronger Connections Grant. For more information please contact Principal Amy Duda at 719-657-4050 or aduda@urtigers.co. Applications may be picked up at the District Office or online at: urtigers.co. (4/17/24)

221 - HELP WANTED

JR. HIGH CHEER COACH needed at DEL NORTE JR. HIGH SCHOOL. Experience as a coach is preferred. Please contact Gilbert "Gibbs" Sanchez, Athletic Director, at: gsanchez@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020; or Annie Hardy, Principal, at: ahardy@urtigers.co, 719-657-4020. Applications may be found on our website; www.urtigers.co. (4/17/24)

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304 - LAWN & GARDEN

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PAT SOLD HER ELECTRIC STOVE IN JUST 3 DAYS THROUGH THE VALLEY COURIER'S CLASSIFIED ADS. (AS)

324 - SEED & FEED

HORSE & COW HAY: GRASS, GRASS/ALFALFA, ALFALFA. 3x3 bales, various quality and pricing. 719-850-8917. (4/24/24AS-monthly)

345 - WOOD

THANK YOU, VALLEY COURIER. I SOLD MY WOOD SPLITTER! Frank.

353 - FARM & LIVESTOCK

I SOLD MY HORSE IN 2 DAYS TO A GOOD HOME. THANKS VALLEY COURIER! Rick. (AS)

TNT BULLS FOR SALE! Angus, Balancer & Charolais. 719-850-1923 or 719-850-9056. (5/7/24)

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601 - APARTMENTS FOR RENT

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551 Monroe Street
Monte Vista, CO
719-852-5505
T.D.D.
1-800-659-2656

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T.D.D.
1-800-659-2656

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611 - HOMES FOR RENT

KUDDOS TO THE VALLEY COURIER FOR RENTING OUR HOUSE IN 2 DAYS! Thanks, Gerry. (AS)

701 - AUTOS FOR SALE

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- ACROSS**
- 1 Pixie
 - 4 Outdo
 - 7 Layover
 - 11 Nothing at all
 - 12 Repast
 - 13 Verne's captain
 - 14 "CSI" evidence
 - 15 Sgt. Snorkel's dog
 - 16 Oklahoma city
 - 17 Upper-classman
 - 19 Special pleasures
 - 21 Minn. neighbor
 - 23 Tolkien monster
 - 24 Fortunate
 - 27 Seize
 - 29 Rocks in a glass
 - 32 — Maria
 - 33 Links cry
 - 34 Scull
 - 35 Chess pieces
 - 36 Actuality
 - 37 "Party in the —"
 - 38 Cudgel
 - 39 Bother
- DOWN**
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 - 4 Aquarium fish
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 - 7 Show
 - 8 derision
 - 8 Stubborn

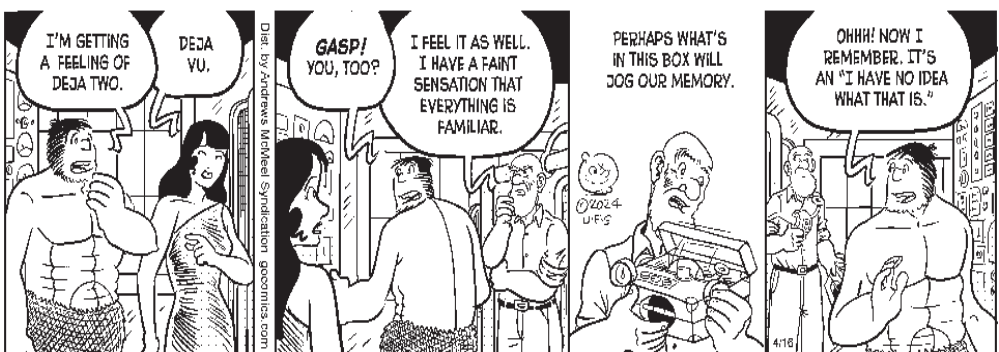
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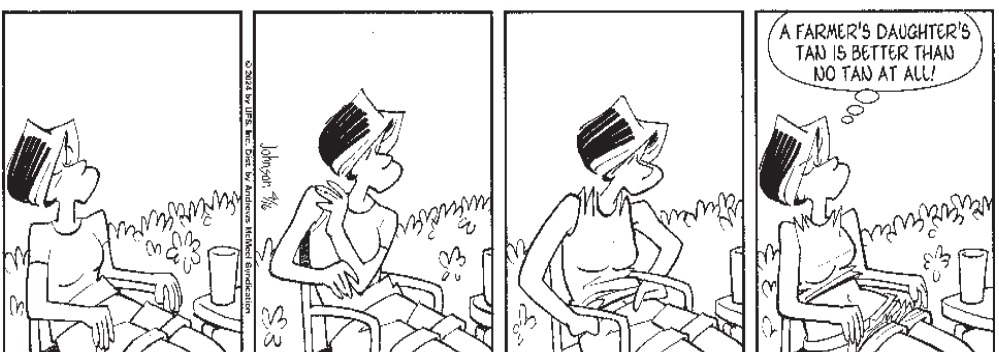
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- 10 Fuel compartments
- 12 Temperamental
- 18 Toner
- 20 After-bath wear
- 22 Raps
- 24 Stew meat
- 25 Part of the eye
- 26 Leggy creature
- 28 Skill
- 30 Scope out
- 31 Memorable times
- 33 "— From the Madding Crowd"
- 36 Twain's Huckleberry —
- 40 En — (together)
- 41 Harvest deity
- 43 Helped
- 45 Relinquish
- 46 Play a few holes
- 47 Like missing GIs
- 48 Fish organ
- 50 Apple device
- 51 Withered
- 52 Easily managed
- 55 — sauce

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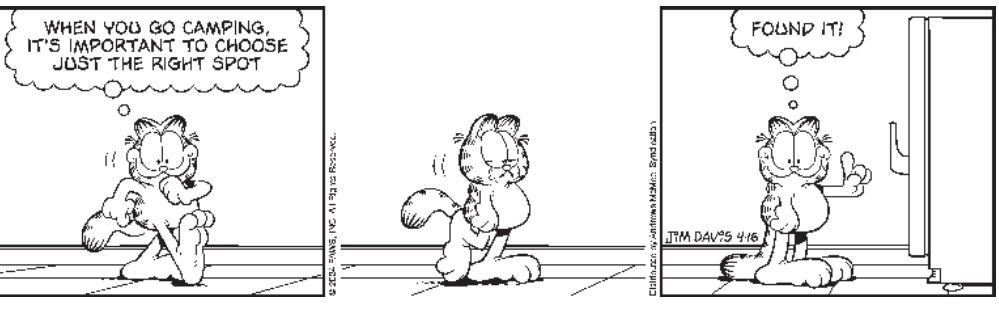
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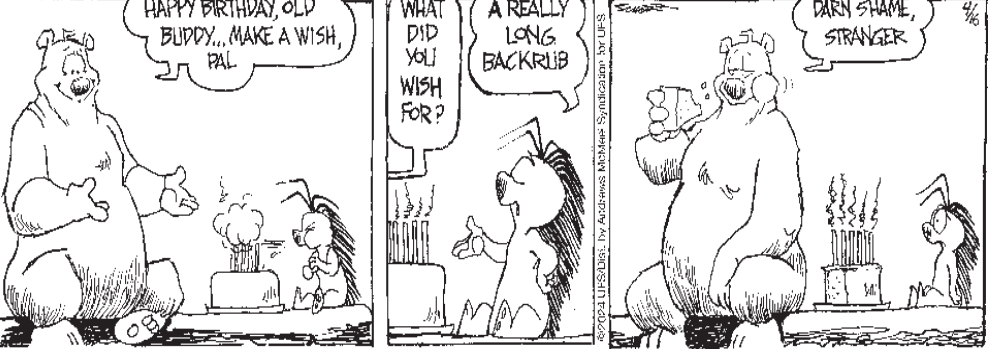
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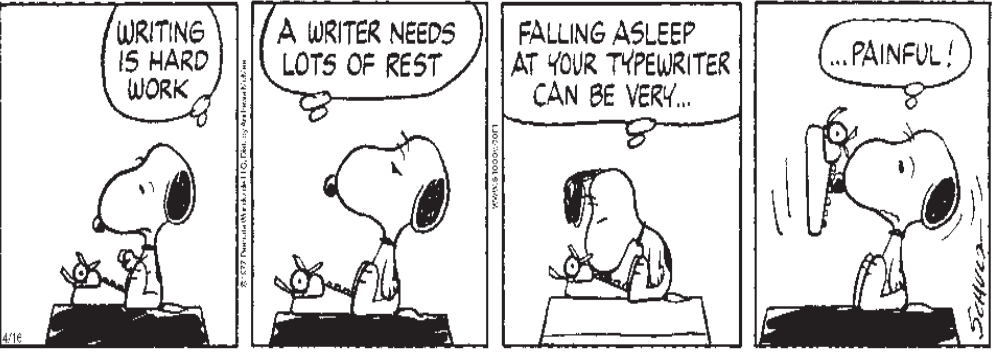
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THE GRIZZWELLS



PEANUTS



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DIFFICULTY RATING: ★☆☆☆☆

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PREVIOUS SOLUTION

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HOW TO PLAY:
Each row, column and set of 3-by-3 boxes must contain the numbers 1 through 9 without repetition.

HERMAN



Generous gift isn't enough for mom who asks for more

DEAR ABBY: I'm a professional, well-educated adult who moved back home because of concerns about my father's health as well as having landed a much better job. As an extra perk, I've been able to save money to pay toward my student loans, as well as spoil my parents a bit as they grow older.

I recently gifted my parents (for the second time) their dream vacation. They loved it the first time and never imagined they'd be able to do it twice. Because my parents still have a minor child who cannot remain alone, I am choosing, as I did last time, to use my personal vacation time to babysit. My mother has been planning the details of her upcoming trip and has now asked me to take more time off work so they can have a road trip after their vacation.

Abby, I am already draining every bit of my time off for their weeklong vacation and will not be able to have a vacation myself until later in the year when I accrue more time. I know she's requesting this to make the trip more fun for my father. Although I am a generous and patient person, this has left me feeling almost speechless, a bit unappreciated and frustrated. Am I over-

reacting? Should I find a way to extend their trip? -- LIMITED IN OHIO

DEAR LIMITED: The answer to both of your questions is NO. Your mother apparently doesn't appreciate how generous you have been in providing these vacations for her and your father. If she wants to extend their holiday, she should make her own arrangements for your sibling to be supervised if she and your dad won't be available to do it themselves. Shame on her for trying to foist that responsibility onto you.

DEAR ABBY: I lost my darling wife recently. Her death was a shock to everyone. She was placed on life support for a short period while the medical staff performed tests to determine the extent of her injuries. When it became apparent that she would spend the rest of her life in a vegetative state, no decisions had to be made by her family or by me.

My wife had an advance directive in place stating she did not want to remain living in this condition. I was extremely fortunate in that no one in her family wanted to contest the document. As hard as it was for me to discontinue life support, I knew it was what she wanted. She passed



ABIGAIL VAN BUREN

peacefully, quietly and quickly.

Abby, please encourage your readers to make the time and make the effort to have an advance directive drawn up, whatever their desires may be. It was my wife's last gift to me, and I will be forever grateful for it. -- REMEMBERING HER IN ARIZONA

DEAR REMEMBERING HER: Please accept my sympathy for the loss of your wife. I appreciate you taking the time to share this important information with my readers and me. Your letter serves as a reminder that all end-of-life documents should be reviewed regularly to be sure they reflect one's current thinking.